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McKinney to receive full benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army's former top enlisted soldier will get full retirement pay despite his conviction for obstructing justice in a sexual harassment case, his lawyer and a Pentagon spokesman said Monday.

A military jury reduced Sgt. Maj. Gene McKinney by one rank to master sergeant and cut his pay after his conviction in March. Six military women accused the former Sergeant Major of the Army of groping them or using his position to pressure them for sex.

He was acquitted of 18 of 19 charges. McKinney, a 29-year Army veteran, took the stand at his six-week court-martial to deny all wrongdoing and ask the jury to let him retire with dignity.

Ordinarily, the jury's decision would mean McKinney is eligible for about \$28,000 in annual retirement pay based on his new, lower rank and salary. But Pentagon lawyers concluded late last week that he is eligible for about \$10,300 more because he once served as Sergeant Major of the Army, an Army spokesman said.

EU turns to NATO for help in Kosovo

RHODES, Greece (AP) — The crisis over Serbia's independence-minded Kosovo province is turning into another Balkan breakdown for the European Union.

Efforts to set up a Western European Union — the EU's embryonic defense arm — were frustrated, and may even have been buried, by disagreement over Kosovo at the two-day meeting on European security issues ending today.

"What we have is a signal from a WEU which does not know which way to turn," said Dutch Foreign Minister Hans van Mierlo.

It was an echo of the EU waffling that many blamed for failing to prevent the war in ex-Yugoslavia and aggravating last year's civil unrest in Albania.

Many governments at the meeting wanted NATO to remain the key European security provider.

Belgium went so far as to propose the EU rethink its faltering drive for a common security policy. The suggestion spoke volumes about how EU efforts for a defense and security policy are stagnating.

EU foreign and defense ministers finally agreed to leave it to Washington to lead efforts to keep the Kosovo conflict from spreading — a major concession to the importance of American military in-

fluence on the continent.

German Defense Minister Volker Rühe said Kosovo was not a crisis the EU can solve, adding, "Only if we act within the NATO alliance can we keep the United States engaged. We need the Americans."

The U.S.-led NATO alliance in Brussels will issue options to contain the crisis this week or next.

Officials said these include sending observers to Kosovo or neighboring Albania, imposing a no-fly zone, beefing up Albania's military and police forces or staging small maneuvers of NATO and Albanian troops.

NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana said, "we have not ruled out any possibility if the situation deteriorates."

On Monday, fighting intensified in Kosovo. Richard Holbrooke, the top U.S. Balkan envoy shuttling to and from Belgrade, said Serbian leaders and rebel ethnic Albanians disagreed on how to end the conflict.

More than 150 people have died in Kosovo since March 1. Ethnic Albanians, who comprise 90 percent of the population, want independence from Serbia.

The top international mediator in Bosnia, Carlos Westendorp, said NATO peacekeepers may one day be called on to respond to all-out fighting in Kosovo.

India nuclear testers ignore U.S. restraint call

WASHINGTON (AP) — India's decision to conduct nuclear tests Monday was carried out in the face of strong U.S. appeals for restraint and raised the possibility of economic sanctions.

This is a "very, very negative development," said State Department spokesman James

P. Rubin. Other officials expressed concern about a possible escalation of tensions with Pakistan, which has gone to war three times with India over the past half-century.

President Clinton has been planning a visit to India later this year as part of an effort to raise the U.S. profile on the

subcontinent. Presidential spokesman Mike McCurry said it was impossible to predict what impact the testing would have on Clinton's travel plans.

Rubin said the U.S. policy is to urge all countries to refrain from nuclear testing and to sign an international treaty

banning all such testing.

U.N. Ambassador Bill Richardson, during a visit to India last month, implored India to seek an easing of tensions in the region. A high-level Indian Foreign Ministry delegation received a similar message during a recent visit to Washington.

'Candy Bomber' set to do it again

BERLIN (AP) — The original "Candy Bomber" pilot, who came up with the idea of dropping sweets for the children of besieged Berlin, returned Monday to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the historic airlift.

Gail Halvorsen, a 77-year-old retired U.S. Air Force colonel, landed at Tempelhof airport in the Spirit of Freedom, the C-54 Skymaster used during the airlift.

The airlift of food, coal and other supplies for the 2 million West Berliners began June 26, 1948, after the Soviets blocked all land routes in an attempt to force the western allies out.

Halvorsen told reporters he started dropping candy tied to little parachutes to help the hungry children in the cut-off

western half of the city. During the airlift's 15 months, he and his squadron pelted the city with more than 20 tons of chocolate, raisins and gum.

"What it meant is not chocolate but hope, which is the most important thing you can have in a crisis," he said.

The feeling of peace and fulfillment that he got out of serving others has stayed with him all his life, he said. "So I received more than I ever gave the Berliners."

Halvorsen will remain in Germany for several weeks to participate in events marking the airlift's anniversary, including a ceremony with Presi-



AP

Gail Halvorsen of Provo, Utah, the Berlin Airlift's 'Candy Bomber' smiles from the cockpit of a C-54 Skymaster.

dent Clinton on Thursday at Tempelhof and a June re-enactment of his candy drop.

World War II memorial plans upgraded

By Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — Their first design was roundly panned as an obtrusive monstrosity that would destroy one of the capital city's most sweeping vistas.

Now, the architects of the proposed World War II memorial are about to unveil a new plan they call more friendly to the landscape of the National Mall, a blanket of green that connects the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument and the Capitol building.

Some who have seen the revisions, which will be revealed today, say the new design is about half the size of the old and compact enough that a perimeter of state-ly elm trees would not have to be removed.

"It seems to blend better," said one critic of the original plan after getting an early peek at the new concept, which also reportedly eliminates a cavernous expanse of exhibit space tucked under huge flower beds.

But even if the redesign passes muster by two federal planning bodies, that doesn't mean the memorial is out of the woods.

While its supporters — the most prominent of whom is former GOP senator and presidential candidate Bob Dole — insist the project remains on schedule to be finished by Memorial Day 2003, they acknowledge it faces a looming deadline and a cash crunch.

When Congress authorized the memor-

ial, it gave organizers until 2000 to come up with an approved construction permit and the \$100 million cost of construction. The legislators gave memorial backers about \$10 million in start-up money, but insisted that the rest must come from private donations.

Dole is leading the national fund-raising campaign and has pledged to come up with all the cash by Veteran's Day (Nov. 11) this year. Only about \$19 million has been pledged so far, half of that from corporations.

Memorial backers say they expect donations to pick up once a final design has been approved and the controversy subsides.

Clinton, Dems attack Star Wars proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration and its congressional allies launched an effort on Monday to block a Republican-backed measure designed to speed development of a system to shield the United States against a nuclear missile attack.

As the Senate opened debate, Democrats indicated they would use stalling tactics to prevent a vote, if necessary. Republican sponsors backed away from trying to move to a quick vote.

The bill, sponsored by Sens. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., and Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, and 48 other senators, would di-

rect the Pentagon to deploy such a system as soon as technology permitted.

The administration's present program requires identifying an emerging ballistic missile threat first and then provides for three years to develop the actual hardware.

Critics argued that the legislation would commit the United States to deploy a technology that hasn't even been developed, and could violate arms-reduction agreements with Russia.

Fifteen years after President Reagan disclosed his hopes for a Star War missile defense, none has been developed.

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Car slams into bus; 1 dies, 20 injured

By Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A car speeding away from a fender bender slammed into a Greyhound bus early Monday, killing a passenger in the car and injuring 20 people.

The San Francisco-bound bus had just left the depot about 1:30 a.m. when an Audi with its lights off roared through a red light and hit the bus, Lt. Andrew Smith said. One officer said the vehicle was traveling at about 60 mph.

A female passenger in the car was killed, and the driver, who had to be cut out of the demolished vehicle, was hospitalized in serious but stable condition. The driver will be booked for investigation of felony manslaughter, police said.

The impact sent the bus into a utility pole and fountain. The bus driver and 18 passengers were taken to hospitals for examination of minor injuries.

Man dies trying to save dog

VENTURA, Calif. — An Amtrak train struck and killed a man trying to rescue his dog on railroad tracks.

William Collings and his girlfriend were walking their dogs on the track at 8 a.m. Monday when the southbound train suddenly rounded the curve at about 50 mph, sheriff's Sgt. Ken Cozzens said.

Collings, 42, and his dog were killed instantly. The girlfriend and her dog were uninjured.

Mom charged in toddler death

Sharon Denise Alley, 29, was charged with first-degree murder and jailed on \$1 million bail. She was accused of stabbing 8-month-old Brooke Alley in the chest with a kitchen knife Sunday.

United Arab Emirates to buy American fighters

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United Arab Emirates is prepared to announce the purchase of F-16 Falcons fighter jets, ending a high-stakes international competition for a contract worth up to \$8 billion, Clinton administration officials said Monday.

Congressional aides said they expected the Persian Gulf state to buy as many as 80 F-16s in a deal valued from \$6 billion to \$8 billion.

An official announcement was expected today, when the country's crown prince, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan meets with President Clinton and Vice President Gore at the White House. On Friday, Gore plans to tour the Lockheed Martin plant in Fort Worth, Texas, where the F-16 is assembled.

Gore spokeswoman Jodi Sakol wouldn't discuss the vice president's trip other than to say he "will be making an announcement that will bring thousands of jobs to Texas."

Two administration officials, speak-

ing on condition of anonymity, confirmed that a deal had been concluded.

Rep. Martin Frost, D-Texas, who was invited to today's meeting with the crown prince, said: "I assume that this is good news."

Officials from the UAE said an announcement was imminent. "All the options are still open concerning the deal, and it will be discussed (Tuesday)," said one official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

A decision to purchase the F-16 would mark a coup for Lockheed Martin, which earlier in the competition was viewed as lagging behind a French entry, Dassault Aviation's Ravale. The Eurofighter, which is being developed by a European consortium, also was considered despite being a latecomer to the competition.

At a defense exhibition last year in Abu Dhabi, a UAE military official said the F-16's specifications didn't meet the country's requirements.

Cadets annul marriage to stay at West Point

WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP) — Two West Point cadets who married and had a baby avoided expulsion by getting an annulment.

"It's really been my goal throughout this that the service academy's policy remains unchanged: Married cadets are not allowed," said Lt. Gen.

Daniel W. Christman, superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy.

The couple, who were not identified, got married last year, The Times Herald-Record of Middletown reported Friday. The baby's age was not disclosed.

While the seniors avoided expulsion, Christman

did impose an administrative penalty on at least one of the cadets, which could mean demerits, loss of privileges or other punishment.

Cadets take a no-marriage vow, which applies to all of the nation's military academies, when they enroll at West Point.

Scientists on cutting edge in examining Unknown

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists will use an anthropological profile and a cutting-edge form of DNA testing in an attempt to determine the identity of the Vietnam veteran buried in the Tomb of the Unknowns.

The remains, placed in the tomb 14 years ago, will be exhumed Thursday for examination by military scientists to determine if they are those of Air Force 1st Lt. Michael J. Blassie, as his family be-

lieves, another serviceman who crashed near him, or those of a truly anonymous Vietnam veteran.

Bone structure, size and density will be examined by a team of anthropologists to create a profile of the soldier, estimating his weight, height and possibly race. Samples of the remains also will be sent to the DNA laboratory for comparison with blood samples of possible family members.

The Pentagon is checking the families of nine servicemen regarded as most likely to be the man buried in the tomb.

"We don't know exactly what we will find," said Robert W. Mann, one of the anthropologists involved in the investigation. "All we really know is that there are six bones." Records of the initial testing on the remains are not available, and even if they were, researchers would not want them

Congressional caucus considers 'emergency'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Congressional Black Caucus said Monday it will ask Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala to declare a "state of emergency" in the black community over HIV and AIDS, which is the leading killer of blacks 25-44 years old.

"This is a national crisis ... and we cannot rest until it is considered as one," said Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., who chairs the 39-member group.

An Health and Human Services spokeswoman said the department was reviewing its options.

Waters announced the decision after a meeting at the Capitol involving caucus members, AIDS activists and medical professionals.

She said the decision to declare a medical state of emergency is done by the health secretary in consultation with related agencies, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Among other things, such a step could lead to in-

creased funding for the disease, she said.

The government allocated about \$3 billion for AIDS this year; President Clinton has proposed increasing that to \$3.8 billion in the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

Benny Primm, executive director of the Addiction Research and Treatment Corp. in New York, said blacks — who are 13 percent of the population — account for 36 percent of all AIDS cases.

"One only has to look at the statistics ... to know this money ought to be following the epidemic," Primm told a news conference. "It has not."

In 1996, HIV and AIDS dropped to the second-leading cause of death among Americans 25-44 years old, but remains the leading cause of death among blacks in the same age group.

The Clinton administration, as part of the president's race initiative, has announced plans to reduce health disparities among minorities in six areas by 2010, including HIV and AIDS.

Panel gives stamp of approval to increase in 1st class postage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stamps are going up a penny, to 33 cents, for the millions of letters, birthday cards and other first-class mail Americans send every day. Packages will cost more, too, but vacation postcards will stay at 20 cents.

The question now is when the new rates will take effect.

The independent Postal Rate Commission grudgingly granted much of the post office's request for higher prices on Monday. But it said there is no need to make the changes until 1999 because the Postal Service has been making profits of better than \$1 billion a year since the last increase in 1995.

Setting the date is up to

the Postal Service's governing board, which next meets in early June.

Monday's action did not involve rates for international mail, which are set by the postal governing board itself. In the past, the board has often subsequently changed international rates to reflect adjustments in the domestic rates.

Independent counsel turns eyes to Herman

By New York Times

WASHINGTON — In becoming the fifth member of President Clinton's Cabinet to be examined by an independent counsel, Labor Secretary Alexis Herman will now face months of investigation and big legal bills.

What distinguishes Herman's case from most of the others, however, is that Attorney General Janet Reno found "no evidence clearly demonstrating" her involvement in a crime. In this instance, a businessman has accused Herman of an influence-peddling scheme, saying she received \$4,500 and improperly steered contributions to the Democratic Party.

Reno's decision was announced late Monday after a long and by some accounts, painful, discussion among her aides over the merits of another special prosecutor, a debate that in many ways reflects the larger dialogue now raging in Washington about the strengths and flaws of the independent counsel law. The statute expires next year, and lawmakers on Capitol Hill say its future is in grave jeopardy.

The debate also seeped through Reno's application Monday to the special court that appoints an independent counsel. The document is replete with double and triple negatives that reflect an attorney general wrestling to fit the facts within the law.

Centenarian charged with molesting house helpers

ROSEVILLE, Mich. (AP) — A 100-year-old man has been charged with molesting several neighborhood girls who came to his home to help with housework.

Vincenzo Agnello faces nine counts of criminal sexual conduct, Deputy Police Chief Rick Heinz said Monday. The

alleged incidents, involving three girls between the ages of 6 and 15, took place between July and September of last year.

Heinz said the case surfaced last October, when several of the girls told their parents.

Heinz said Agnello, a popular neighbor who often gave

children rides on a motorized scooter, invited the girls into his mobile home to do light housework.

Agnello has since moved to a nursing home. He has a personal bond, meaning he doesn't have to pay unless he misses court dates. Under a deal with prosecutors, Agnello is

also allowed to visit his sons once a month. The sons, who are in their 70s and 80s, live in the same mobile home park where Agnello once lived.

That upsets some of his former neighbors, but defense attorney Kathleen Walton said the ruling was a fair one.

'Concede like gentlemen,' Philippines' top vote getter tells election opponents

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Vice President Joseph Estrada, enjoying a strong lead in the Philippines' presidential race, called on his nine opponents today to concede like gentlemen.

Meanwhile, vote counting, expected to take up to two weeks, slowed further as tallying was halted in a southern province after its governor protested that opposition candidates were receiving no votes.

Estrada, whose support comes mostly from the Philippine poor he entertained for years as an actor in low-brow action movies, said his victory was "already in

the bag."

"I hope they'll be gentlemen," Estrada said of his opponents, who include one woman, Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago. "They should concede as soon as possible."

With less than 1 percent of ballots counted, Estrada had 45 percent of the vote, according to the National Citizens' Movement for Free Elections, a poll watchdog group. His closest rival was former Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim, with 23 percent.

NAMFREL's figures have shown

Estrada consistently in the lead, although the positions of other candidates have shifted.

Turnout was heavy in Monday's polls, and there were far fewer reports of violence than in recent Philippine elections.

Still, at least seven people were killed, bringing the overall death toll in the campaign to 42.

Counting was halted in Muslim-controlled southern Sulu province after Governor Sakur Tan complained that local opposition candidates were receiving no votes in many towns.

Netanyahu offers new deal

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will bring a new offer to Washington this week to break the impasse in negotiations with the Palestinians over troop withdrawals from the West Bank, Israeli radio and officials said Monday.

Under the new proposal, Israel would withdraw from 9 percent of the West Bank over a 12 week period and would hold an additional 4 percent of the area in reserve, allowing the United States to determine when it should be handed over.

That determination would be made based on how Palestinians complied with a series of obligations to crack down on Palestinian militants, end hostile propaganda against Israel and revise references in their covenant that call for the destruction of Israel, Israeli officials said.

One official, speaking on condition

of anonymity, said it would take "a long time" to ensure the Palestinian measures were not merely temporary. Some Israeli reports suggested the 4 percent would not be handed over for as long as six months to a year.

It was unlikely that the Palestinians would accept the Israeli deal. In Brussels, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said he would not compromise further on the U.S. proposal of a 13 percent withdrawal from the West Bank.

U.S. mediator Dennis Ross, back from a weekend trip in which he failed to sway Netanyahu to accept the American plan, briefed President Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright on Monday.

Netanyahu spoke with Albright by phone Monday night, his office said.

"The two agreed to continue efforts and will meet in Washington on Wednesday," a statement said.

Euros off the mint 2 years in advance

By Associated Press

PESSAC, France — With France's foreign minister hitting the "start" button, a French mint stamped out the first coins Monday for Europe's single currency, the euro.

On Jan. 1, nearly 300 million Europeans will begin using the euro for non-cash transactions in the 11 European Union nations that have agreed to use the currency. Bills and coins won't go into circulation until 2002.

Until 2002, the EU is to stamp 7.6 billion coins in addition to euro bills.

2 hurt in Lebanon attack

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Lebanese guerrillas wounded two Israeli soldiers during shelling of the Israeli-occupied zone in southern Lebanon, in apparent retaliation for attacks Monday that injured two civilians in southern Lebanon.

Spanish king plans Cuba trip

MADRID, Spain — King Juan Carlos reportedly will make his first visit to Cuba next year, signaling another diplomatic coup for the communist island and highlighting its warming ties with Spain.

Tigers kill South African

EAST LONDON, South Africa — A man's mauled body was found in a cage shared by two Bengal tigers, and an autopsy confirmed Monday that he was killed by the animals.

Authorities speculated the man, whose identity remained a mystery, climbed a 12-foot fence surrounding the cage.

Italians debate mudslide area's future

SARNO, Italy (AP) — While Italians mourned Monday for 135 people killed in mudslides, authorities began debating whether to reclaim the devastated area or abandon it because of the risk of future slides.

Many of the homes undated when rivers of mud came crashing down

Mount Sarno last week were in areas where it is already illegal to build because of unstable ground.

Such illegal building is common in corruption-ridden southern Italy, where organized crime controls much of the construction industry.

Deforestation has also made the slopes of Mount

Sarno less stable, as they are stripped for firewood and construction materials.

Authorities said Monday that much of the hard-hit area was in danger of another wave of mudslides if the rains return. The forecast so far has been for continued sunshine.

Owner wants this little piggy to stay home

By Cox News Service

WOODSTOCK, Ga. — A potbelied pig named Burp has a Woodstock woman and Cherokee County, Ga. officials at odds over whether pigs deserve a dog's life.

Carol Simmons lost round one this week when a magistrate court ruled Burp was livestock and didn't belong in a subdivision. Judge Kenneth Richards fined Simmons \$200 and gave her 60 days to get rid of the animal.

Excuse her if she's a little pig headed, but Simmons plans to appeal to keep her beloved pet. She said she will sue to have Cherokee's zoning ordinance changed.

"I can't stand the thought of getting rid of her," Simmons said. "I'm going to fight for her. She's my pet."

Simmons has kept the 100-pound white porker at her home for the past two years after buying her from a breeder two years ago for \$150. Simmons said she'd grown up with "lots of animals" and always wanted a pig.

Burp has lived in the family's home with their sheepdog and four children ever since.

She's a pampered pig.

Beatty connives for OK to embarrass his boss

How do you make a film that might embarrass your boss? Use cunning.

Director-actor Warren Beatty confesses he had to do more than a little acting to persuade 20th Century Fox to make his biting political farce *Bulworth*.

He says he told the studio only the barest plot outlines, with all the politics and racial dimensions left out.

"I don't think anyone would have financed this with anyone in it if they'd known what it was," Beatty tells Newsweek magazine in its May 18 issue.

Beatty, 61, had other leverage: He says Fox still owed him \$35 million from a deal involving *Dick Tracy*, and the actor was offering to make *Bulworth* for less if the studio gave him total control.

Pair put meat on the menu

Forget avocado. Conan the Barbarian wants more meat.

Arnold Schwarzenegger and his wife, Maria Shriver, have changed their trendy eatery's menu toward more traditional Austrian fare.

"We are still featuring light California cuisine, but we have created a completely new menu, which also features some of Arnold's favorite childhood Austrian

dishes," newly promoted chef Matt McLinn said. Those dishes include weinerschnitzel and lamb.

Schatzi opened in February 1992.

Clothes show, Redford doesn't

Robert Redford was a no-show at the Lehi, Utah, premier of his new movie, but the star sent along a gift: his clothes.

Redford donated his denim jacket, boots and an \$11,000 saddle from *The Horse Whisperer* toward a silent auction to benefit two land preservation groups.

Redford's clothing competed for bids with a free laser eye surgery, tickets to a Janet Jackson concert, a basketball autographed by Utah Jazz star John Stockton, a football signed by San Francisco 49ers quarterback Steve Young and a teeth cleaning — for a horse.

Long way from kindergarten

Syracuse University graduates probably felt all grown up at their commencement this year until they got serenaded with a nursery rhyme. Author Robert Fulghum, whose best-selling books include *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, began his address at Sunday's ceremony by singing the children's song *Itsy-Bitsy Spider*.

Fulghum said the song's metaphors teach the children the same lessons the 5,000 new graduates should apply today.

Brinkley speaks again

By Washington Post

WASHINGTON — ABC Sunday restored David Brinkley as a spokesman for Archer Daniels Midland Co. on its Sunday public affairs program *This Week With Sam Donaldson & Cokie Roberts* after a four-month absence.

In early January — just six weeks following his retirement from *This Week* — the network pulled an ADM campaign featuring Brinkley after only two weeks, claiming a potential for audience confusion. There was also criticism from some in the media over his appearance in ads during the program he had anchored for 15 years.

The two 60-second institutional ADM ads that aired Sunday had been modified "to make David's role with them as a company spokesman very clear," said network spokeswoman Eileen Murphy.

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In The Stars and Stripes

10 YEARS AGO

May 12, 1988 — Alarmed by six plane crashes and 10 deaths in the last 16 months, the Navy has begun an investigation into the training program for A-6E jet bombers based at Whidbey Island Naval Air Station south of Seattle.

20 YEARS AGO

May 12, 1978 — More than one-third of the eighth-grade students in Chicago public schools failed a test on basic reading skills and will be required to attend summer school.

30 YEARS AGO

May 12, 1968 — Washington prepared to erect a temporary shanty town — to be called Resurrection City — to house more than 3,000 participants in the upcoming Poor Peoples March.

40 YEARS AGO

May 12, 1958 — Members of the Lebanese opposition called for a general strike in an effort to force the pro-Western government of President Camille Chamoun out of office.

50 YEARS AGO

May 12, 1948 — The Soviet Union announced that it would be willing to hold high-level talks to settle differences with the United States, sparking optimism in Europe that an end to the Cold War was over.

Pacers' Bird named Coach of the Year

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Before the season started, Larry Bird said all he wanted was a player who would keep his mouth shut and play hard.

So far, that formula has worked, giving the Pacers a 3-1 lead over the New York Knicks in the Eastern Conference semifinals and earning Larry Legend coach of the year honors.

Bird, one of the few superstar players to successfully make the jump to the coaching ranks, today will become only the second player in NBA history to earn rookie and coach of the year honors, The Associated Press has learned.

Two sources close to the NBA who spoke on condition they not be identified confirmed that Bird would be presented the IBM

Coach of the Year award today at Market Square Arena.

Pacers spokesman David Benner would not confirm the reports, but he said the Pacers will hold a news conference today for a "major announcement" regarding the team and the NBA. He and league spokesman Brian McIntyre declined to discuss the nature of the announcement.

When Bird took over the Pacers last year, there were doubts the superstar player would have the patience to coach players with ordinary skills in a league whose flashy style differs greatly from the blue-collar game Bird was famous for.

"I'm not asking for that," Bird said after he

was named to coach the Eastern Conference squad in this season's All-Star game. "All I want is hard work in practice and for about 25 minutes in a game. ... If a guy can't give that, he doesn't belong in the NBA."

In his first year, Bird took a Pacers team that missed the playoffs for the first time in eight years to its best winning percentage in franchise history. The team's 58 wins were second-best in the NBA's Eastern Conference.

"Who in their right mind wouldn't listen to what Larry Bird tells them?" Pacer Reggie Miller once said. "He knows what it takes to be a successful player, and he's letting us do the things to have the success."

Rival trainers balk at treatment given Coronado's Quest

BALTIMORE (AP) — Some rival trainers say Coronado's Quest is getting special treatment leading to Saturday's second jewel of the Triple Crown.

Coronado's Quest joined the Preakness field and is expected to jump to the top of the list of favorites.

Trainer Shug McGaughey, who announced Sunday his temperamental horse would run, denied speculation he would ask to saddle Coronado's Quest in a quieter area, instead of on the turf course like everyone else.

But McGaughey said during a conference call he would prefer that his high-strung colt lag behind the other horses on the walk from the barn to the saddling area before post time. Though he said the move would be designed to avoid confrontation, other trainers aren't convinced.

"That's an enormous edge," said Bob Baffert, trainer of Derby winner Real

Quiet and Indian Charlie. "If he's that concerned, he should be down there schooling the horse."

Horses normally walk in accordance with their post position.

D. Wayne Lukas, trainer of Cape Town, objects to special treatment for Coronado's Quest. Another trainer, Nick Zito, said the issue is a matter of common sense.

"To me, if a horse is high-strung, why would you want him kicking you? You get to the gate and all of the sudden the jockey looks down and, gee, there's a cut on his leg," Zito said. "I don't want him near my horse, so I have no problem with it at all."

Zito, who arrived Friday with Halory Hunter, the fourth-place finisher in the Kentucky Derby, said the history of pre-race temper tantrums by Coronado's Quest is cause for concern, given potential distractions from a crowd.

Win gives Senators vote of confidence

KANATA, Ontario — Things finally went right for the Ottawa Senators: They scored four goals against Washington goaltender Olaf Kolzig, their power play clicked three times and they finally did some hitting.

That added up to a 4-3 victory Monday night over the Capitals, Ottawa's first win in three games of their Eastern Conference semifinal series.

"We played better as a team," Ottawa coach Jacques Martin said. "We got a better effort from more people tonight, and we were better defensively."

The biggest effort came from Daniel Alfredsson, who got his second hat trick of the Stanley Cup playoffs. He scored all three of his goals in the first period against Kolzig, who has been amazing in the postseason. He has faced 342 shots in nine playoff games — an average of 38 per game — and stopped 322 of them.

And now the Senators have a chance to tie the best-of-7 series 2-2 in Game 4 at the Corel Centre on Wednesday. In other playoff action Monday, Dallas beat Edmonton 1-0 in overtime to take a 2-1 lead in their Western Conference series.

The playoffs continue tonight with Buffalo visiting Montreal holding a 2-0 lead in their Eastern Conference series, and Detroit at St. Louis in the West with the teams tied at a game apiece.

The Washington-Ottawa game was close because Damian Rhodes was shaky in goal for the Senators until the final minute. Rhodes, the key to the Senators' stunning first-round upset of the New Jersey Devils, allowed goals by Sergei Gonchar, Peter Bondra and Richard Zednik in the first nine shots he faced.

"I did everything I could, but it was just one of those nights when I was fighting it," said Rhodes, who had just 14 saves.

His final save was a masterpiece, however, and it came when it seemed the Capitals were going to spoil the night. Rhodes slid across the crease and made a dazzling pad stop on Zednik with nine seconds left.

Devil Rays pitcher passes Indians test

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Rolando Arrojo showed the Tampa Bay Devil Rays as much in an inning as he had all season.

That's saying a lot, considering the Cuban defector spent most of Monday night shutting down the Cleveland Indians on the heels of three-hit, complete-game shutouts against Minnesota and Kansas City.

"Most of what I have to say would be repetitive," Devil Rays manager Larry Rothschild said after a 4-2 victory over the defending AL champions, who have lost four straight.

"He was tested a little bit when he gave up a run early. ... But the eighth inning was probably the most impressive inning he'd thrown all season."

After giving up a leadoff double to Kenny Lofton, who scored on Omar Vizquel's single, the 29-year-old rookie got David Justice to hit into a force play, struck out Jim Thome and retired Manny Ramirez on a ground ball.

Rothschild had already decided Arrojo wouldn't get an opportunity to get his third straight complete game. And the way the right-hander handled the eighth left the manager feeling like there wasn't

much for the former Cuban national team star to accomplish in the ninth.

"I don't want to diminish the importance of the ninth inning, but I can't keep running him out there nine innings at a stretch," said Rothschild, who brought on Roberto Hernandez to get his fourth save in seven chances. "He's too valuable ... later in the summer, you'll regret it."

In the only other AL games, Baltimore beat Minnesota 4-0 and Texas beat Boston 8-2. Kansas City's game at New York was postponed by rain.

Arrojo (5-2) struck out six and walked two in eight innings.

Prep star claims he's ready for NBA

ELIZABETH, N.J. (AP) — Al Harrington had to pass only one exam before being allowed to skip college basketball for a shot at the NBA.

It was his mother's, and it wasn't easy for the young man from New Jersey considered by many experts to be the country's best high school player.

Just three days before announcing his intention to enter the NBA draft, Harrington was quizzed for four hours by his mother, Mona Lawton, on why he should pass on a free college education.

"I would come at him with reasons why I thought it wasn't a good idea and he would come back with reasons why he thought it was a good idea," Lawton said Monday after Harrington, a 6-9 forward held a news conference in the gym of tiny St. Patrick's High School.

Harrington said his heart was set on going to the NBA.

"It was like last summer, I had my heart set on being the No. 1 senior in the country and I accomplished it," he said.

Wood strikes easy pose for second straight record

By Associated Press

Not since The Natural has a ballplayer made it look this easy.

Kerry Wood, a phenom if ever there was one, blew past the likes of Nolan Ryan and Randy Johnson on Monday night. The 20-year-old Cubs rookie set a major league record for strikeouts in consecutive starts, fanning 13 in a 4-2 win against Arizona.

"I had no idea," Wood said after just his sixth start in the big leagues. "Great, I guess. To me, I had another good start and we won the ballgame. The record is great, but it's just a bonus."

Coming off his record-tying 20-strikeout performance last Wednesday against Houston, Wood needed only seven innings to reach the mark of 33.

Throwing high, 97 mph fastballs

and sharp, low-and-away sliders, Wood passed the previous total of 32 strikeouts in two games held by Ryan, Johnson, Dwight Gooden and Luis Tiant.

"He was very impressive," said Devon White, who struck out leading off the first inning. "When we looked for off speed, he was throwing fastballs."

In other games, Atlanta beat Cincinnati 8-1, St. Louis stopped Milwaukee 7-0, San Diego defeated New York 2-1, San Francisco beat Montreal 7-2, Philadelphia beat Los Angeles 5-2 and Pittsburgh topped Colorado 5-2.

Next up for Wood (4-2) is the record for strikeouts in three straight starts — Ryan fanned 47 in 1974 and Gooden set the NL mark of 43 in 1984. Wood is expected to start this weekend at Cincinnati.

Sabres goalie aims for consecutive MVP awards

From Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dominik Hasek, looking to become the first goalie to win consecutive MVP awards, is one of three finalists for the award.

The Buffalo star also was a finalist for the best goalie award, a trophy he has won three times in the last four years.

Pittsburgh's Jaromir Jagr,

the scoring champion, and Anaheim's Teemu Selanne joined Hasek as Hart Trophy finalists for league MVP. New Jersey's Martin Brodeur and Pittsburgh's Tom Barrasso are the other Vezina Trophy finalists for best goalie.

US loses another

ZURICH, Switzerland — The United States suffered an-

other humiliating setback in the World Championships, losing to Latvia 3-2 on a technical goal.

No driving for Webber

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. — Washington Wizards forward Chris Webber was barred by an administrative law judge from driving in Maryland for 120 days.

The restriction is punishment for refusing to submit a blood sample to a police officer who concluded Webber was driving under the influence of marijuana in January.

Webber claimed that he failed sobriety tests because officers had used pepper spray, a claim the judge rejected.